SPECIAL ARCHERY AND MUZZLELOAD FERAL GOAT HUNTING PERMITS AVAILABLE FOR KEKAHA GMA ON KAUA'I

LIHU'E, KAUA'I — The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) announces the availability of feral goat control permits in Hunting Unit A, Kekaha Game Management Area (GMA) on the island of Kaua'i, pursuant to Title 13, Chapter 123-2.2, 5, 5.1 and 9 in "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting."

Permits will be limited determined by a lottery. Depending on the number of applicants NOT all hunters will be drawn for the hunt. There will be no stand-by list. Applications are available at various vendors and all Hunter check stations on Kauai. Deadline to submit applications will be Friday, January 14, 2022. Lottery to assign dates will be on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

Applicants will be charged a \$5 application fee per person. Applicants may apply for both hunts. Applicants may apply in groups of up to 8 hunters.

Hunting will be limited to the Kekaha GMA. There will be 75 permits available for each three-day slot for archery and muzzleload hunts. There will be a bag limit of 3 goats (two must be a female) per permit.

Archery only dates (Three-day slots): February 1-3, 7-9, 14-16, and 22-24, 2022

<u>Muzzleload only dates (three-day slot)</u>: February 28 – March 2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23 and 28-30, 2022

Mauka access into the Kekaha GMA will be through Trail 2 road to Kahelu, Mana and Kolo Ridges. Hunters must sign in and sign out at the Kokee hunting check-in station (HCS).

For makai access, hunters must sign in and out at one of four hunter check-in stations: Pu'u 'Opae-Marine Road, Mana Tunnels, Kolo Junction and Pohihale Beach.

Hunters will be allowed to field dress and bone their game and attach the permit to the game bag.

All requirements contained in Chapter 123, "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting" shall apply. For further information, please call the Lihu'e Division of Forestry and Wildlife office

at 3060 'Eiwa Street, Room 306, Lihu'e or (808) 274 3433 on regular working days from 8 a.m. to 4:30~p.m.